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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted
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 Part of a Registered Charity No. 234092 (BRCDT)

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26th Sunday - Weekday Readings Week 26th Cycle II
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation –2
The Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Forbearance, Goodness, Faithfulness, and Self-Control (Gal 5:22-23). **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Fortitude, Counsel, Piety and Fear of God.

Date 2026 Sept/Oct	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 2
Saturday 26 th	6.00 pm	For the Andrew Family's Special intentions and prayers	26 th Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 27 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	Helen Joy's intentions & prayers-VERY special birthday	26th Sunday Year A
Monday 28 th	9.00 am	For the intentions and prayers of Michael Cartin	Feria
Tuesday 29 th	7.30pm	Thanking God for protecting us from evil and harm	Archangels- Michael..
Wednesday 30 th	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	For the intentions and prayers for Michael Bambridge For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish	Feria St Theresa- Solemnity
Thursday 1 st			
Friday 2 nd		St Mary's Catholic School Sixth Form Students doing a retreat in our parish 9.00am- 3.00 pm	The Holy Guardian Angels - Feast
Saturday 3 rd	6.00 pm	Remebrance of Lesly Perera & Titus Perera R.I.P	Our L 27 th Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 4 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish For the intentions & prayers of David Morson (Birthday)	27th Sunday Year A

Confessions Saturdays at 5.15 pm to 5.45pm

Offertory: Thank you very much for your generous support. Cheques are made payable to: Catholic Church Stansted St Therasas . For online donations, our parish Account Number: 41017519 , Sort Code: 401322 , and account name: Catholic Church Stansted St Therasas .				
Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Order	Total Collection
13/09/26	£110.00	£184.68	£534.75	£829.43

Fairtrade cake and coffee morning will take place after 10 am Mass on Sunday 11th October. Cakes made from Fairtrade ingredients will be sold in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation. This organisation helps farmers who grow the crops we consume - bananas, sugar, chocolate, coffee. There will also be a raffle of Fairtrade goods. Any help would be gratefully received, contact Frances 07766375864. Everyone is invited. Thank you so much

Please note Second Collection for Diocesan Charities next Sunday.

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(Last week's solution: EUCHARIST)

Christmas Shoe Boxes- the Shoe Box appeal will be packing shoe boxes to be sent to disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe on Wednesday 4th November (7-9pm) at St Theresa's Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us and any small items for the shoeboxes for different aged children would be most welcome

As a parish, we warmly welcome Bishop Alan and the Confirmation Candidates to this Mass. Please

pray for our Candidates Rob, Sarah, Summer, Caroline, Sophia, Tobiasz, Samuel, Danna, Thomas, Amelia, Joseph, Emilia who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today. Caroline, one of these Confirmation Candidates, will receive the First Holy Communion on this day. After Mass, we shall all proceed to the Parish Hall for teas/coffees and Lunch – thanks to the kind help from members of our parish who are professional chefs (we recall they kindly served us 175 meals last Christmas). **All are invited.**

Everyone is warmly welcomed & appreciated here: I am so happy to see new parishioners and I always thank God for all who attend Mass here- for example Martin Johnson has just joined our parish and he plays the piano. I would like to welcome everyone to our parish especially those who are new or joined us recently. As a parish, we all hope to be friendly and welcoming – so do please come to the Parish Hall after Mass to meet fellow parishioners and share tea/coffee. I pray may everyone feel warmly welcomed, valued and respected in this parish. Here, in the House of the Father, nobody is entitled to judge anyone for to do so is a sin – **(Do not Judge Matthew 7:1)**. Here, no one will question you about your personal or professional life. We are all equal and the same before God. As a parish family, we are all united in the Mission of Christ. We support each other and we pray for each other's intentions and salvation. If you are new, please let me speak to you after Mass and I shall give you a parish census form. Once again, a warm welcome to everyone.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal Quiz in aid of transport costs for the Shoe Boxes is on Friday 6th November 7.00pm for 7.30pm at St. Theresa's Parish Hall. Please bring your own food, drink and glass. Tickets are £7 each, which is the cost of shipping two Boxes. Please text or email either Verity Beynon 07854930829 verity.beynon@gmail.com or Tracy Bottalico on 07745246096 tracybottalico@icloud.com to reserve your place. Thank you.

Use of Hall: We now welcome other hall users as long as they adhere to our terms and conditions. For example, other hall uses will be asked to come with their own cups/mugs and tea/coffee. Hall users will be asked to manage their own rubbish and also be reminded of the fact that our hall has no storage space for other people's items – our insurance won't allow us anyway.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST: Once a year, CAFOD makes a Harvest Appeal by asking all families to donate an equivalent of one meal per person. Please take CAFOD envelopes and return them next Sunday.

Helping the poor in London: Please do bring your items to the Church and we will send them to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (*St Fidelis Friary, Killip Close, Canning Town, E16 1LX. Telephone 0207 4740766*). Using the measurements of M, L, XL and XXL: Socks, T-shirts, Jeans, bottom Tracksuits, Sweaters, shoes (only trainers and walking boots), Jackets, Small Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, shaving foam, toothbrushes, razors, Roll-on-deodorant), underwear (this is the only item that must be new). There are 90% men and 10% women. If possible, it would be lovely to help with monetary donation during the season of Lent for food purchases. THANK YOU.

A Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes:

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. I will endeavour to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen. Hail Mary....

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A Prayer to St Joseph:

O Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of Victory. St Joseph, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen. Hail Mary

Please bring Food Bank items and we will distribute them to the needy within our community. Thank you.

Bethlehem Nativity Group:

If anyone is in need of the carvings of holy items such as rosaries and statues, you can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk or call 07780065473.

HALL BOOKINGS: – So that I can take FULL responsibility in case of any intended or unintended consequences, please send me an email directly so that I can make a decision to book your event if at all possible. I thought it is time we started to remind ourselves of some basic guidelines. Please do not assume that the Hall is booked for your event until I have given you a written permission via relevant hall forms.

Our Parish Bingo: I am immensely grateful to our social Committee who worked so hard to prepare for this event which turned out to be a big success. Thank you to all who supported.

Please volunteer to serve Coffee/Tea after Mass: Our Social Committee invites all of us to the Hall for teas/coffees after Mass. There is an option for disposable mugs and some people may be happy to bring their own mugs. Suzanne will continue to prepare the Rota for Sunday Teas/Coffees – please speak to her or myself after Mass. Everyone is invited to volunteer. **Thank you**

New Altar Servers: I am so happy to welcome new Altar Servers who have kindly offered to server at the Altar of God. If there is anyone willing to serve at the Mass, please let me know.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart: Would you like Christ to heal your home, heal your relationships, your marriage, your illnesses and your children? Would you like Christ to help you with family differences and tensions? Would you like Christ to help you financially and holistically? Would you like Christ to Protect you against internal and exterior attacks from the enemy? Christ is All and is in All (Col 3:11). Our Saviour, Christ the Lord, has the answer and the hope we need in every situation of our lives. The Sacred Heart Devotion is a beautiful way to encounter Our Lord. The Sanctuary of the Sacred Heart at Paray-Le-Monial, France, has prepared a 12-steps presentation on the meaning of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart. I recommend this presentation to everyone. Please visit our website to read this presentation: <https://www.sttheresastansted.org/sacred-heart-devotion/>

Jesus revealed to Saint Margaret Mary the secrets of His Heart and the wonders of His love. This is a grace we can ask for as well. It is the grace received by Saint Margaret Mary, the grace that thousands of pilgrims have received, the grace of the Heart of Jesus: to encounter the personal love of Jesus for me. Jesus affirms that His love is for all humanity, and for each one of us in particular. It is as if Jesus is saying: My Heart remains restless until what I have done for all humanity takes on a personal shape and a particular rooting in your life. At Paray-le-Monial, Jesus tells us that the love He has for all humanity, the salvation He works for all humanity, His presence that He maintains with all humanity.....He wants this to take on a wholly personal reality in each of our lives. **Please read the twelve steps on our website – You may choose to read two steps daily and think about them**

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